



R.E. LESSON PLAN - WATFORD SCHOOLS TRUST

LESSON TITLE	LEARNING STAGE	WST TEACHER/DATE
Bible stories – Daniel in the lions' den	KS1	Mrs Tricia Bastable/ Mrs Johanna Jordan/ Mrs Fiona Penny
AIM: To learn the Bible story of Daniel in the lions' den. LEARNING OBJECTIVE: To understand what Christians believe about God using the old Testament story of Daniel in the Lion's Den.	MAIN AREA/S OF LEARNING (Herts R.E. Agreed Syllabus 2017-22) Beliefs and practices Sources of wisdom Other AOL covered:	LESSON RESOURCES WST will bring: PowerPoint (USB) Story book of Daniel in the lions' den Bible-adult and childrens copies Worksheets to photocopy Cupcake cases for worksheet activity Extra pencils (orange/brown/yellow) School to provide: Photocopies of worksheet Colouring pencils

Introduction

Introduce the idea of the Bible as a special book to Christians because it tells them what God is like.(show Bible) It doesn't describe what God looks like but it does tell us what his character is like; that he is caring and kind and loves everyone.

The Bible is in two parts, the Old Testament about God and his followers and the New part which tells us about Jesus and the people who followed him. Today we're going to look at an Old Testament story that shows us what God is like. It's a story about a man called Daniel. What kind of things do you do every day or every week? Do you twiddle your thumbs, read a story before bed, brush your teeth, have a takeaway every Friday? Daniel did something special every day; he talked to God, not once, not twice but three times every day. He knelt down and prayed. Now that might not sound like a very exciting start to our story, but there is also a king who must always be obeyed, some bad men and some lions!!

Main content: Song Teach the song 'Good Old Daniel' with actions.

*There once was a man called Daniel
 Good old Daniel
 He prayed to God three times a day
 Good old Daniel
 The king's decree (Boo)
 Said worship me (Hiss)
 Poor old Daniel. (Ahh)
 But Daniel would not bow the knee
 Good old Daniel*

*So the gates went clang (clap)
 and the locks went click (click)
 and the lions began to roar (ROAR)
 And the lions began to roar (ROAR)
 They couldn't eat Daniel if they tried
 Good old Daniel
 Because the Lord was on his side
 Good old Daniel.*

Story

Tell the story of Daniel in the lions' den using a story book (i.e. My Bible Stories – Daniel in the lions' den) and a PowerPoint.

Discuss what happened to Daniel and why? Because Daniel prayed to God despite the king's decree, he was thrown into the lion's den. But God saved Daniel.

Ask:-

- I wonder how Daniel felt when he was arrested.
- I wonder how Daniel felt when he was thrown into the lion's den.
- I wonder how Daniel felt when he saw the angel.
- What does this story tell us about God?
- What other things can we learn from the story?

In the story Daniel loved God very much so three times a day he knelt down and prayed. Prayer is talking to God. We can talk to him anywhere, anytime and about anything. Christians believe that God always responds to people's prayers but not always by giving them everything they ask for. Prayer is a conversation that helps Christians have a closer friendship with God.

Re-cap the story using the song.

Activity

Explain the worksheet (draw Daniel, make lions from cupcake cases, write 1 sentence about what happened).

Extension/enrichment activities

Colour by numbers

Plenary

This story reminds Christians that God is with them, no matter what they face and that they can always talk to God.

Deeper Questions - Possible follow up/class discussion suggestions

What helps us when we go through difficult times?

Class teacher's notes